Industrial Research; Secretary, Deptt. ofl Bio-Tech; Secretary, Deptt. of Science and Technology; Secretary, Deptt. of Commerce; Secretary, Deptt. of IP&P; Secretary, Deptt. of Expenditure, Deptt. of Agriculture and Cooperation; Secretary, Deptt. of Agricultural Research and Education and Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs as *ex-officio* members.

(ii) Four nominated members having expertise in the field of medicoethnobotany; pharmaceutical industry of ISM; marketing and trade; legal matters and patents.

(iii) Four nominated members representing exporters of AYUSH drug, NGOs responsible for creating awareness and increasing availability of medicinal plants, growers of medicinal plants, research and development industry group in the area of medicinal plants.

(iv) Two nominated members representing federation/co-operatives dealing with medicinal plants.

(v) One member from Research Councils of Department of AYUSH, one members from PLIM/HPL, Ghaziabad and two members representing State Governments (by rotation every two years)

(vi) Chief Executive Officer and Member-Secretary in the rank of Joint Secretary to the Government of India.

(e) The Board started functioning *w.e.f.* financial year 2001 -2002.

Cataract control

1288. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Cataract Blindness Control Programme was launched to eliminate Cataract cases in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the number of patients; operated and success ratio during the years 2001 -02 and 2002-03, district-wise; and

(c) the period for which the scheme would continue to clear the backlog?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Madhya Pradesh was one of the States covered under the World Bank Assisted Cataract Blindness Control Project during 1994—2002.

(b) Cataract Operations performed in Madhya Pradesh during 2001 -02 and 2002-03 are as follows:

Year	Target	Achievement	%
2001-02	240000	234527	98
2002-03	240000	224049	93

As per Survey conducted in 2001 -02, the prevalence of blindness in Madhya Pradesh has reduced from 2.01% to 1.16%.

(c) National Programme for Control of Blindness is an ongoing scheme.

Deaths due to TB

1289. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite all efforts made in pursuance of the National Health Policy, at least one man succumbs every minute due to the ghastly disease, tuberculosis in the country;

(b) if so, the number of TB caused deaths and the number of new TB cases registered during 2001,2002 and 2003; so far, State-wise; and

(c) the specific steps taken for eradication and control of TB during these years?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) As per WHO Global Annual TB Surveillance Report. It is estimated that about 4.17 lac patients die of TB every year in the country *i.e.* about 1/minute. The details of the deaths reported during the last three years in the areas implementing RNTCP are given in the enclosed Statement-I (See below) and number of new TB cases registered under the Programme are given in the enclosed Statement-II (Seebelow).